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Remarks: <p>I thought you would be interested in the attached excerpt of Doc Morgan's floor statement on the Harrington Resolution. He covered all the points which we raised in the letter we prepared and Brent Scowcroft sent him on this.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; height: 40px; margin: 10px auto;"></div> <p style="text-align: center;">Legislative Counsel</p>			
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A small new group is set up—the United States Resource Recovery Corporation—which will be the chief source of funds for the development of modern resource recovery facilities throughout the country. Those funds will be in the form of loan guarantees and can never exceed 50 percent of the total cost of a project.

The bill also establishes resource recovery panels within EPA which will be extremely useful for prompt project evaluation and will form the primary basis for the approval of loans by the corporation.

The bill also includes a number of requirements with respect to Federal procurement and Federal-State cooperation.

Mr. Speaker, I will not take the time now to explain all of the parts of the bill in detail, but let me conclude by pointing out that each year we in America discard millions and millions of tons of material which have a useful life. This bill will extend the useful life of all of those products. It can be the beginning of a new era of conservation by Americans and can through energy conversion contribute significantly toward easing our dependence on petroleum products.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HAYES of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may be permitted to extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on the special order today of the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. ROONEY).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. (Mr. DANIELSON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Indiana?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Montana (Mr. BAUCUS) is recognized for 10 minutes.

[Mr. BAUCUS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. HARKIN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House of Representatives for the legislative session of Monday, June 14, 1976, due to the occurrence of tornadoes and severe weather storms which destroyed the town of Jordan and caused substantial damage to other areas in my district, requiring my attendance to the needs of my affected constituents.

Had I been here, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 367, an amendment to H.R. 14261 which affected funds for the IRS informer program. I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 368, an amendment to H.R. 14261 which concerned total budget authority for payments not required by law. I would have

voted "nay" on rollcall No. 369, an amendment to H.R. 14261 which affected funds for compiling records of congressional contacts with the IRS, and I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 370, final passage of H.R. 14261, appropriations for Treasury and Postal Service.

I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 371, House Resolution 1279 which granted a rule for consideration of H.R. 14114, and I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 372, final passage of H.R. 14114, which would increase the temporary public debt limitation. Lastly, I would have voted "nay" on rollcalls Nos. 374, 375, and 376, which concerned amendments to H.R. 6218, Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act Amendments of 1976.

Due to previous commitments in my district, I was forced to absent myself from the Chamber before the conclusion of legislative business on Friday, June 18, 1976. Had I been able to remain, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 410, an amendment to H.R. 14239 which would add \$138 million to the appropriation for the LEAA. I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 411, a motion to recommit H.R. 14239 to committee, and I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 412, final passage of H.R. 14239, appropriations for State, Justice, Commerce, and the judiciary.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mr. PATTISON) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PATTISON of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present in the House of Representatives for the session of Monday, June 21, 1976.

Had I been present I would have voted in favor of the passage of all resolutions considered by the House under suspension of the rules.

This includes support for the student loan program (rollcall 414), veterans' disability and pensions (rollcalls 415 and 416), codification of United States flag rules (rollcall 417), and extension of the Horse Protection Act of 1970 as revised.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 1295 AND 1324, RESOLUTIONS OF INQUIRY DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT TO PROVIDE TO THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CERTAIN INFORMATION WITH RESPECT TO ANY PAYMENT MADE BY THE UNITED STATES TO INFLUENCE ITALIAN POLITICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. MORGAN) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MORGAN. Mr. Speaker, on June 22, 1976, the Committee on International Relations met in open session to consider House Resolutions 1295 and 1324, resolutions of inquiry directing the President to provide to the House of Representatives certain information with respect to any payment made by the United States to influence Italian politics.

By a vote of 15 to 8 the committee adopted a motion to lay the resolutions on the table.

House Resolution 1295 was introduced by the Honorable MICHAEL HARRINGTON on June 11, 1976, and referred to the Committee on International Relations.

An identical resolution, House Resolution 1324, was introduced on June 18, 1976, by Mr. HARRINGTON and five co-sponsors.

On June 14, I wrote the President requesting his comments on the original resolution. The executive branch reply was received on June 16.

On June 22, the committee met to consider the resolution and to review the executive branch reply.

In the course of the committee's discussion of the resolutions the following points were made:

First, the committee noted executive branch comments in opposition to the original resolution, asserting that making available information requested under the format of the resolutions would be contrary to the public interest.

Moreover, the committee noted that the appropriate mechanism for furnishing such information to the Congress has been designated by section 662 of the Foreign Assistance Act and other arrangements between the Congress and the executive branch. Under these provisions the Subcommittee on Oversight of the Committee on International Relations, and several other designated committees or subcommittees, receive information with respect to U.S. operations in foreign countries other than activities intended solely for obtaining necessary intelligence.

Second, it was further noted that House Resolutions 1295 and 1324 are drafted in such a manner as to cast doubt on their standing as bona fide privileged resolutions of inquiry under the Rules of the House of Representatives on two counts.

First, paragraph 857 of the Rules states that "to enjoy the privilege a resolution should call for facts rather than opinions * * *"

In at least two instances, the resolutions would require the President to express an opinion. For example, paragraph (f) (b) inquires whether any person acting on behalf of the U.S. Government paid or offered to pay any funds "to any newspaper, radio, television, advertising, or other media-related company or entity which was within its primary area of impact any part of Italy." A statement which would characterize a newspaper or other media-related company as having a certain geographic region as its primary area of impact would clearly be based on an opinion rather than fact.

The resolutions also would require the expression of an opinion in paragraph (3) where they inquire whether any representative of the U.S. Government participated in any meeting with any national of Italy concerning the use of "extraconstitutional means" to solve the Italian political crisis.

Second, paragraph 857 of the Rules also stipulates that, to be accorded priv-

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illegal status, a resolution of inquiry must not require an investigation.

Although House Resolutions 1295 and 1324 request certain information "if known," they do not specify specific sources. Therefore, the mere identification of individuals who may be knowledgeable of the requested information would require an investigation.

Further, the resolutions request information covering a 5-year period, involving two administrations, unnamed individuals acting on behalf of unidentified U.S. Government agencies, unspecified U.S. and multinational corporations, Italian nationals, and foreign news media. The accumulation of such information would clearly require investigative procedures on the part of the executive branch.

Moreover, due to its ambiguous nature, the requested information would require much longer to produce than the 10 days called for in the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I am making this statement in order to apprise the House of what has transpired in the Committee on Internal Relations on June 22, and to draw attention to the major issues which motivated the committee to table House Resolutions 1295 and 1324.

At this point, I include in the Record the texts of the two resolutions and the exchange of correspondence with the executive branch:

H. Res. 1295

Resolved, That not later than ten days after the date of adoption of this resolution, the President shall furnish to the House of Representatives the following information:

(1) Within five years preceding the date on which information is furnished pursuant to this resolution and if known, has any person (including any civilian employee, member of the Armed Forces, or persons under contract) acting on behalf of the United States Government or any agency or other instrumentality of the United States Government paid or offered to pay any funds, directly or indirectly—

(A) to the Italian Christian Democratic Party or any member thereof, to any other political party or any other political organization in Italy or any member of any such party or organization, or to any government official or any candidate for any local or national political office in Italy; or

(B) to any newspaper, radio, television, advertising, or other media-related company or entity (or any employee or agent thereof) which has within its primary area of impact any part of Italy?

If so, for each such instance, furnish the following information to the extent known: the amount of funds involved; the date on which payment of such funds was offered and if such funds were paid, the date on which such payment was made; the identity of any person to whom payment was made and of the intended recipient of such payment; the instrumentality of the United States Government responsible for such payment; and the circumstances surrounding such payment.

(2) If known, were any individuals (A) assigned or otherwise attached to any United States Embassy or other diplomatic mission, or (B) employed by any United States or multinational corporation, involved in any way in any payment or offer described in paragraph (1) of this resolution? In addition, if known, were any funds which were involved in any such payment illegally exchanged for

either before or after any payment of such funds?

(3) Within five years preceding the date on which information is furnished pursuant to this resolution and if known, has any person (including any civilian employee, member of the Armed Forces, or person under contract) acting on behalf of the United States Government or any agency or other instrumentality of the United States Government participated in any meeting, discussion, or other contact with any national of Italy concerning the use of any extraconstitutional means to solve the Italian political crisis? If so, for each such instance, furnish the following information to the extent known: the identity of any person taking part in any such contact with an Italian national; the date on which such contact was made; the instrumentality of the United States Government responsible for such contact; and the circumstances surrounding such contact.

(4) Within five years preceding the date on which information is furnished pursuant to this resolution and if known, has any person (including any civilian employee, member of the Armed Forces, or person under contract) acting on behalf of the United States Government or any agency or other instrumentality of the United States Government (other than any person acting in the course of an investigation of possible violations of any law of the United States) discussed, orally, or in writing, with any United States or multinational corporation, or any employee or agent thereof, any payment or the offer of any payment of any funds, directly or indirectly, to any individual or entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of this resolution?

H. RES. 1324

Resolved, That, not later than ten days after the date of adoption of this resolution, the President shall furnish to the House of Representatives the following information:

(1) Within five years preceding the date on which information is furnished pursuant to this resolution and, if known, has any person (including any civilian employee, member of the Armed Forces, or person under contract) acting on behalf of the United States Government or any agency or other instrumentality of the United States Government paid or offered to pay any funds, directly or indirectly—

(A) to the Italian Christian Democratic Party or any member thereof, to any other political party or any other political organization in Italy or any member of any such party or organization, or to any government official or any candidate for any local or national political office in Italy; or

(B) to any newspaper, radio, television, advertising, or other media-related company or entity (or any employee or agent thereof) which has within its primary area of impact any part of Italy?

If so, for each such instance, furnish the following information to the extent known: the amount of funds involved; the date on which payment of such funds was offered and if such funds were paid, the date on which such payment was made; the identity of any person to whom payment was made and of the intended recipient of such payment; the instrumentality of the United States Government responsible for such payment; and the circumstances surrounding such payment.

(2) If known, were any individuals (A) assigned or otherwise attached to any United States Embassy or other diplomatic mission, or (E) employed by any United States or multinational corporation, involved in any way in any payment or offer described in paragraph (1) of this resolution? In addition

in any such payment illegally exchanged for foreign currency either before or after any payment of such funds?

(3) Within five years preceding the date on which information is furnished pursuant to this resolution and, if known, has any person (including any civilian employee, member of the Armed Forces, or person under contract) acting on behalf of the United States Government or any agency or other instrumentality of the United States Government participated in any meeting discussion, or other contact with any national of Italy concerning the use of any extraconstitutional means to solve the Italian political crisis? If so, for each such instance, furnish the following information to the extent known: the identity of any person taking part in any such contact with an Italian national; the date on which such contact was made; the instrumentality of the United States Government responsible for such contact; and the circumstances surrounding such contact.

(4) Within five years preceding the date on which information is furnished pursuant to this resolution and, if known, has any person (including any civilian employee, member of the Armed Forces, or person under contract) acting on behalf of the United States Government or any agency or other instrumentality of the United States Government (other than any person acting in the course of an investigation of possible violations of any law of the United States) discussed, orally or in writing, with any United States or multinational corporation, or any employee or agent thereof, any payment or the offer of any payment of any funds, directly or indirectly, to any individual or entity described in subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (1) of this resolution?

JUNE 14, 1976

HON. GERALD R. FORD,
President of the United States,
The White House, Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I am writing to request your comments on a resolution of inquiry which was introduced in the House on Friday, June 11, 1976, and referred to the Committee on International Relations.

Enclosed are two copies of the resolution, H. Res. 1295, directing the President to provide the House of Representatives certain information with respect to any payment made by the United States to influence Italian politics.

As you know, the Committee must act on this resolution within 7 legislative days beginning today. We will appreciate receiving your comments as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, June 17, 1976.

Sincerely yours,

THOMAS E. MORGAN,
Chairman.

THE WHITE HOUSE,
Washington, D.C., June 16, 1976.

HON. THOMAS MORGAN,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: This letter is in response to your request for comments on H. Res. 1295.

It is our view that this resolution is an inappropriate instrument for considering the kinds of activities set forth in H. Res. 1295. We believe that, regardless of the country involved, information on any activities such as those mentioned in H. Res. 1295 should be dealt with only by the appropriate committees of Congress with due consideration for protecting against public disclosure of information which could be harmful to the nation's foreign policy and national security. In addition, the adoption of H. Res. 1295 would be wholly inconsistent with the purpose of Section 602 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended. That provision states that no funds shall be made available from the work of your